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Application No: 10/765,354
Title: A Deck Bracket and a Method of Attaching a Deck to a Building
Confirmation No: 2361
Applicant: Barry Eldeen
Filed: 01/27/2004
TC/A.U.: 3635
Examiner: Dreidame, Hunter M.
Attorney Docket No: 6810-21828

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith for filing and consideration please find the following:

1. Response to Office Action.
2. Claim Amendments.
3. Return receipt Postcard, self-addressed and postage prepaid.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT OF CLAIMS

Sir: In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2006, please enter the following response and amendments to claims in the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

The response to the objections and rejections by the Examiner are set forth below on this page.

The conclusion begins on page 17.

Response

Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the combination to overcome the Examiner's objection, thus putting claim 1 in condition for allowance.

Claims 6 and 16 have been withdrawn.



Claim 11 has been amended to include method steps as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, thus putting claim 11, and dependent claims 12-15 which depend upon claim 11, in condition for allowance.